

DO WE WANT ANNEXATION?

Talk Of Including El Paso In A New State Increases.

IT WOULD BENEFIT ALL

The New State Would Gain At Once A Powerful Prestige In The Great Southwest. And El Paso, Already The Metropolis, Would As The Capital City Occupy A Commanding Position—We Would Then Stand For Something In State And National Politics.

The Llewellyn memorial now pending in the legislative assembly, says a New Mexico exchange, is addressed to the president and congress of the United States, requesting that the portions of the state of Texas lying west of a line commencing at the southeast corner of the territory and following thence due south along the 26th degrees of longitude to a point where the same intersects the Rio Grande, be annexed to the territory of New Mexico.

It is shown that the new order, as proposed, will mean the formation of "a great state," the interests of whose people have been as one since a period antedating the landing of the Pilgrim fathers at Plymouth Rock.

It is asked that the president of the United States, governor of New Mexico, and governor of Texas appoint a commission of three congressmen, three senators, 100 citizens of New Mexico and 100 citizens of Texas, which commission shall meet in the city of Deming, July 4, 1899, and be empowered to hold adjourned meetings in the city of El Paso, Tex., for the purpose of considering and arranging a basis upon which the cession of territory from the state of Texas can be accomplished.

REASONS FOR ANNEXATION.

El Paso is the tail end of Texas and is as much isolated as if situated in California. In the politics of the state she cuts no figure whatever and rarely if ever is one of her citizens favored with an office of any kind except such as are elected by the people of this locality.

Last spring several prominent residents, filled with military ardor, sent telegrams and letters to the governor of Texas asking permission to organize companies of cavalry or infantry for the national defense. The executive replied coldly and briefly that none from El Paso were needed and only by organizing immune companies by authority of the president himself, were citizens of this city enabled to get to the front.

Had it not been for the immune regiments, residents of El Paso might as well have lived at Chihuahua, so far as the opportunity of serving their country was concerned.

This end of the state is not a factor in the politics of Texas and is commercially allied with New Mexico, Arizona, and Chihuahua. It is believed that but few persons will be found in this vicinity to oppose the annexation of this portion of Texas to at least a portion of New Mexico.

Residents of both localities concede that should the annexation take place El Paso, the most important city in the

southwest, would be made the capital of the new state.

That would mean much for El Paso. A NEW MEXICAN'S VIEWS.

Senor Armijo, well known and highly connected in New Mexico and manager of the extensive business of Hon. Felix Martin in this city, in conversation with a HERALD reporter yesterday concerning the annexation scheme had a few remarks to make.

Senor Armijo belongs to the younger element of New Mexico politicians and thinkers. He has been an editor and a keen observer of contemporaneous events and as a consequence is thoroughly posted on all things pertaining to the welfare of this entire section. He has recently cast his fortune in this city but keeps in touch with all affairs happening in New Mexico.

Mr. Armijo said: "The annexation of El Paso county to New Mexico, the land of perpetual

cities and the Ancient City would have to take a bitter pill."

"The interests of El Paso county are identical with those of New Mexico, both from a financial and social point of view. El Paso today enjoys the trade of five of the richest New Mexico counties, Dona Ana, Lincoln, Chavez, Otero, and Grant. I have no statistics amount in figures, but a man does not need a very large horseshoe to see that the volume of trade in one year amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars."

"There are many people here in El Paso who object to the annexation on account of politics. They say that this county would become republican. I am not in a position to say how it would affect the political parties. New Mexico is divided politically and cannot be depended on either as a republican or democratic territory. At any rate if annexation is a good thing I be-

abiding and honest.

"I can prove with statistics that there is less crime committed in New Mexico than there is in other states of the union. Many people regard with horror the alleged murder of the late Col. A. J. Fountain and say he was murdered for political ends; citing that case as a drawback to annexation. I regret to say I am imbued with the idea that Col. Fountain was murdered to accomplish a political purpose, but remember that 'accidents will happen in the best regulated families' and the rule repeats itself in the government as well."

"That, however, is no reason why the annexation should fail. Some years ago, a murder very similar to that of Col. Fountain was recorded in the annals of the criminal history of El Paso—the murder of Hon. E. N. Ronquillo. Why should we bring that as one reason against annexing to New Mexico?"

"I have spoken to many prominent New Mexicans and they all seem to be in favor of the move. I would like to see the annexation come soon. I am in favor of it, it would be a grand thing for all, but in spite of being an ardent believer in annexation, I must admit that I look upon the move as a New Mexico-Texas impossibility."

IT WON'T WORK

"Texas will never cede one foot of her territory," said Judge W. S. Smallwood to a HERALD reporter last night. "In my opinion agitation of the annexation scheme is useless for Texas would never agree to it."

"Texas glories in her length and breadth and above all things else she is proud of her size."

"Don't you think that the people of this part of the state would favor annexation, provided El Paso was made the capital of the new state?"

"No, I do not. There is so far as I can see no benefit to be derived in that way. Whenever a city is made the capital of a state it immediately becomes a commercial nonentity. The capital of nearly every state in the union is commercially dead, while some other town close by has become the metropolis."

"How do you account for that?"

"I do not know why it is unless the state capital always fills up with trifling office seekers, politicians, and persons dependent upon the state for a living and you are devoid of self-reliance and enterprise. Such men kill any town and they usually congregate at the state capital."

"No, I think if annexation took place El Paso had better not awake Santa Fe from her Rip Van Winkle slumbers by taking the capital away from her. Let the state house stay where it is for it is a voodoo to business."

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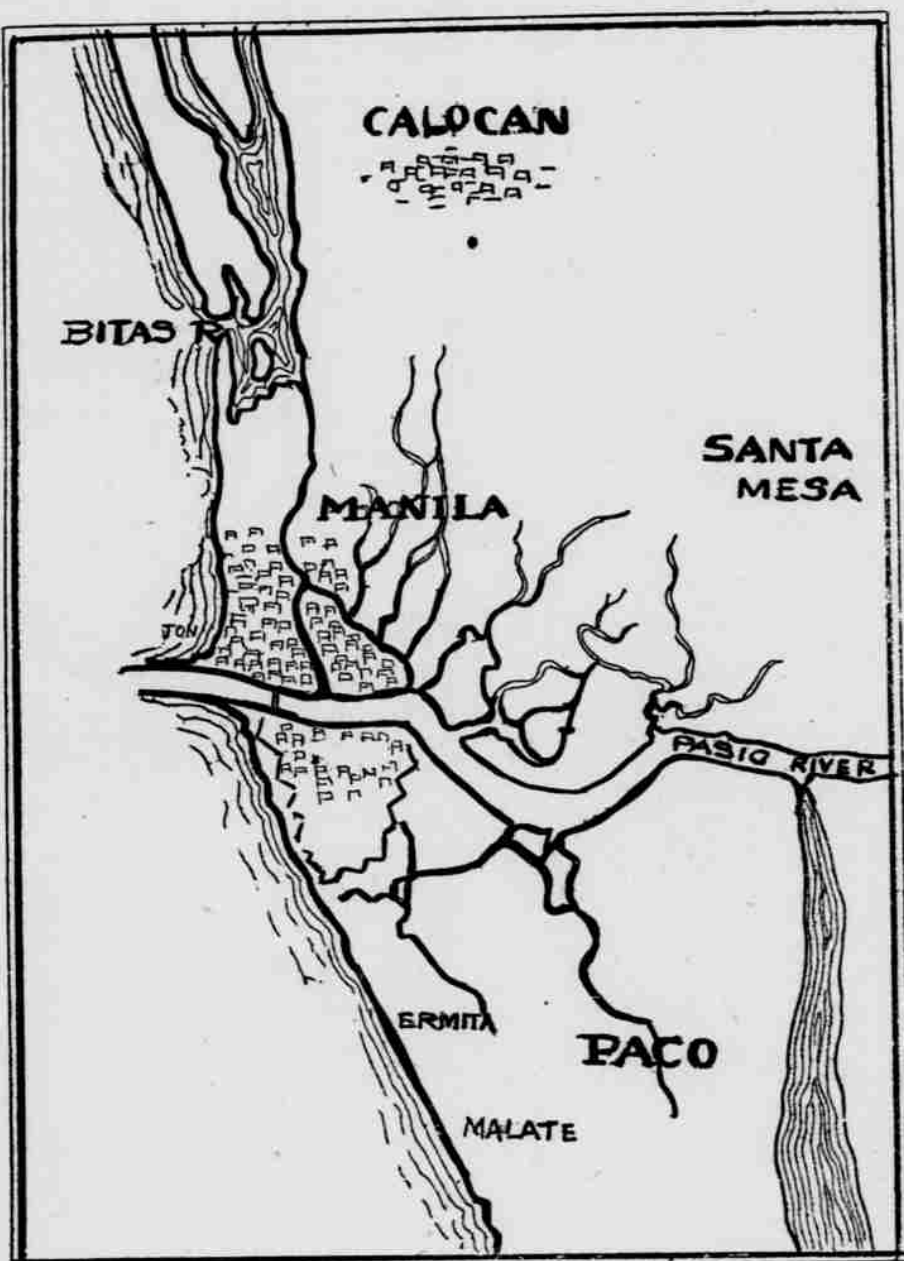
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"I labor under the impression that as soon as the annexation would realize itself, the state-hood question would be settled once for ever. In that event, El Paso, Texas, would be El Paso, New Mexico, and undoubtedly it would immediately take the place of Santa Fe, now the capital of that territory."

"El Paso is by far the best of the two

lieve that politics should not be allowed to serve as an obstruction to annexation."

"The political part is a thing of the future and remains with the people and the merits of one or the other party. I know that many people here think that New Mexico is a nest for 'cut throats' and cold blooded murderers. That is an erroneous idea."

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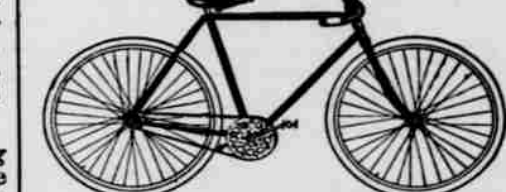
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